

## REMARKS

1. Duly noted.
2. Duly noted.
3. Duly noted.
4. Claims 25, 28-29, 32, 37, 41 and 42, as now amended are believed to comply with 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claims 25, 28 and 29 have been amended as suggested.

Claims 32 and 41, with respect to "an operator has not been made since it is obvious that the operator is not intended to be nor need it be the same operator. The comma has been inserted as suggested in claim 41.

- 5, 6. Duly noted.

7. Claims 21, 25-26 and 28-29 are believed to be patentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Gaible et al '182 in view of the IBM reference. Claim 21 now recites "consisting" which is believed to reinforce applicant's position that Gaible does not have "sheets of uniform thickness" regardless of the position of the Examiner that Gaible does so have. Nor does Gaible "protect the entire upper and bottom surfaces of a keyboard" as stated by the Examiner. While applicant does not disagree with the Examiner concerning intended use, the structure recited in the claims is not met by the Gaible bag with differing thicknesses. The claim now excludes the locking elements of the Gaible bag and thus is believed to be patentable thereover.

8. Claim 32, as amended, is believed to be patentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Yanagisawa '527 in view of Adair '188. The cover of Yanagisawa does not consist of a "pliable plastic film of uniform thickness throughout" as called for in claim 32. At col. 11, lines 36-37, Yanagisawa does state that "the entire keyboard body 21 may be covered to be enclosed" but he fails to teach or disclose how that is to be accomplished. Viewing FIG. 10, one may enclose the keyboard with a duplicate of 34', applicant presumes. It is noted that 34' includes a rubber band 34'a, which is excluded by the claim recitation "consisting of". Applicant has not provided two covers as might be suggested by Yanagisawa. Applicant submits that there simply is no suggestion or teaching in Yanagisawa to support the conjecture by the Examiner that the Yanagisawa sheet be somehow formed into "an envelope" as recited in applicant's claim 32.


Applicant does not disagree that the cover of Yanagisawa could be made of a plastic film.

9. Claims 37, 41 and 42 are believed to be patentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Yanagisawa in view of Adair, as set forth above with respect to claim 32 above, in view of Gaible et al. Gaible et al deficiencies have been alluded to in paragraph 7 above and those remarks are incorporated herein. The openable and closable bag of Gaible would not suggest to one having ordinary skill in the art to reconstruct the Yanagisawa modified by Adair computer keyboard cover to arrive at a cover claimed in claim 32. The bag of Gaible would seem to be unusable to cover the rectangular large keyboard of a computer and it would appear that the Examiner has viewed applicants' claimed invention in retrospect in arriving at an improper reconstruction of the prior art cited contrary to 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Accordingly, these claims 37, 41 and 42 should be found to be allowable.

The claims are now written in closed terminology so that the interlocking strips and gripping ridges are excluded from applicant's claimed limitations.

A telephone interview to resolve any remaining issue would be greatly appreciated.

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